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In re application of Steven R. Knight

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97

Sir:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information:

REFERENCES

- ☒ The Applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR § 1.17(p).

### RELATED CASES

- ☒ Attached is a list of applicant's pending applications or issued patents which are thought to be related to the present application.
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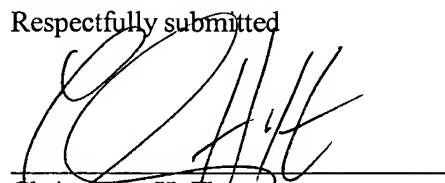
### PETITION

- ☐ Applicant(s) hereby request consideration of the attached information. A check is attached in the amount of the Petition fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(i)(1).

### DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

- ☒ Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 16-0325**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted



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**RELATED CASES**

<b>Serial No.</b>	<b>Inventor</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Filing Date</b>
<b>60/450,393</b>	<b>Steven R. Knight</b>	<b>Filter Element with Vent Orifice and Assembly Therefore</b>	<b>February 26, 2003</b>
<b>60/479,032</b>	<b>Steven R. Knight</b>	<b>Filter Element with Vent Orifice and Assembly Therefore</b>	<b>June 17, 2003</b>

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